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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of War  
The Secretary of the Navy  
The Personal Representative  
of the President on N.I.A.

SUBJECT: Special Consultant to the  
Director of Central Intelligence

This memorandum is to inform the National Intelligence Authority that Mr. George Frost Kennan, Foreign Service Officer, Class 1, has been designated as Special Consultant to the Director of Central Intelligence. It is anticipated that this arrangement will prove of great value to the Central Intelligence Group in the preparation of intelligence reports and estimates, particularly as concerns the USSR.

Mr. Kennan has just returned from Moscow, where he served as Charge d'Affaires for some time prior to Ambassador Smith's arrival. Mr. Kennan, a Princeton graduate, has been a Foreign Service Officer since 1926. He has had wide European experience, having served in Geneva, Hamburg, Berlin, Tallinn, Riga, Vienna, Praha, Lisbon, and for a number of years in Moscow. He was an American delegate to the European Advisory Commission in 1943, and his last assignment in Moscow began in May 1944. He is assigned to the Faculty of the National War College, but his services will be available in a consultative capacity to the Director of Central Intelligence.

It is believed that the advice and assistance of Mr. Kennan, based upon his long and distinguished career, will contribute immeasurably to the accuracy and adequacy of the intelligence reports prepared by the Central Intelligence Group. The availability of his first-hand knowledge of conditions and affairs in the USSR and neighboring Eastern and Central European nations, is of primary importance to the effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission.

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